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GIVES DATA ON KUNMADARAS AIR BASE CONSTRUCTION;  
SOVIETS DIRECT HUNGARIAN WAR GAMES

AIR BASE HAS 6-KILOMETER RUNWAY -- Munich, Hungaria, 28 Sep 51

A huge air base, the biggest in Central Europe, is under construction southwest of Kunmadaras, where it occupies a triangle between Kunmadaras, Karcag, and Kunhegyes. It is flanked by the Kunmadaras-Karcag railroad on one side and by the Kunmadaras-Kunhegyes and Karcag-Kunhegyes highways on the other sides. The length of the runway is 6 kilometers, connected by 8 concrete aprons, each 300 meters square.

The runway and the aprons were completed by 1 May 1951, and for the opening ceremonies 12 jets and several dozen bombers were sent by the Soviet Air Force. The air base is to be completed by the end of 1952. After completion, it will be used by the Soviet Air Force.

Construction of the air base continues day and night. Several hundreds of masons and technicians work on the buildings, hangars, and other airport facilities. The grading is done by prisoners. The large prison camp located near the Kunmadaras railroad station is surrounded by a 2.5-meter-high wooden fence. Several watch towers 5 meters high, equipped with machine guns, were erected around the camp, which has some 1,200 prisoners. Among the prisoners are several hundred soldiers serving sentences ranging from 8 months to 2 years.

SATELLITE OFFICERS PARTICIPATE IN HUNGARIAN MANEUVERS -- Munich, Hungaria, 14 Sep 51

The Soviet High Command in Hungary has ordered large-scale maneuvers, which will begin in the last week of September, and will be held east of Gyongyos and Cegléd, in Szolnok and Hajdu counties. High-ranking Red Army staff officers, who previously served with the Soviet forces in Austria and Rumania, arrived in Budapest to direct the field exercises. Three Rumanian staff officers will also participate in the maneuvers. A Bulgarian military unit will also probably take part.

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Hungarian infantry divisions will carry out delaying operations, while the Esztergom mechanized units, with the cooperation of armored troops stationed at Gyongyos and Szeged, as well as Soviet motorized units transported by train from Bruck, Austria, to Gyor County, will carry out a counterattack. One mechanized Soviet division stationed in Hungary and one mechanized Rumanian division will have the task of relieving the Hungarian units engaged in delaying actions.

Several staff officers, who were retired between 1945 and 1948, have been recalled to active duty in connection with the maneuvers.

During the war games, a large-scale crossing of the Tisza River will be attempted under simulated enemy fire.

In August, two Soviet divisions -- one armored, and one mechanized -- arrived in Hungary and were directed mainly to Transdanubia.

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